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***Town Council Meeting  
Blades Fire Hall  
7:00PM  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018***

Present: Mayor David Ruff, Vice Mayor Lee Benningfield, Councilman Russell Joseph, Councilman John Reiss, Councilman Jason Hudson; Councilman Michael J. Smith, and Town Administrator Vikki Prettyman

Meeting Opened at 7:00 pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Town Council Meeting minutes; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Hudson; motion passed.

Police Report – submitted by Chief Anthony, read by Commission Benningfield.

BEDCO – No reports at the time of this meeting. Past meeting minutes are available electronically and will be posted on the website.

P&Z – Minutes in writing included with these reports.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – report submitted by Marcus Trammell. Read by Commissioner Hudson  
Successful town wide clean up on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all employees that assisted.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater, read by Commissioner Reiss.
- Streets – Commissioner Joseph stated that the new street signs have picked up and they are processing a list of signs to be replaced. All patches completed. Concrete jersey barriers were painted white and look good.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Commissioner Smith had no written report. New lighting looks good. Waiting on cage to cover the lighting. Some of the parks fencing caps are missing. Walked the cemetery and it is well maintained.
- Police Report – Report in writing.
- Mayor's Report – Mayor Ruff submitted report in writing

❖ New Business:

- Planning and Zoning recommendation from May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting
  - Suds'n'the Bucket
  - Approval from Council motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion carried.
- Approval of the Charter Change language
  - Roll Call Vote
  - Motion to approve with language change “registered” to “eligible” by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Benningfield; roll call vote:
    - ◆ Councilman Smith: Yes
    - ◆ Councilman Reiss: Yes
    - ◆ Councilman Benningfield: Yes

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- ◆ Councilman Hudson: Yes
- ◆ Councilman Joseph: Yes
  - Motion Carried; charter change will be brought to the House Floor and then move to the Senate for voting and then on to the Governor, for signature, if all is approved
- Approval of the Water Department Contingency Plan
  - Motion to accept by Councilman Benningfield; seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion carried.
- Approval of the Water Department Operations and Maintenance Information Packet
  - Motion to accept by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Smith; motion carried.
- Councilman Reiss congratulated Brandon Slater for his nomination as water operator of the year, and congratulated Town Administrator, Vikki Prettyman, for receiving the Women in Water 2018 Award on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 given by DWSRF, Heather Warren.
- Workshop schedule for May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7pm. Agenda: Police Personnel Policy Changes
- ❖ Good of the Community
  - Thank you card from Retired City of Seaford City Manager, Delores Slatcher.
  - Mr. Head, E Second Street complained about the tenants at Carol Owens house, there is always someone coming up to the house and leaving, believed to be drug deals. Pitbull is always loose traumatizing the neighbors. The police are aware of the situation and actively working with the state police and probation to arrest the tenants and any other known wanted persons.

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vikki Prettyman  
Town Administrator